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# S. RES. 338

Designating November 14, 2009, as “National Reading Education Assistance  
Dogs Day”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 5, 2009

Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. COCHRAN,  
and Mr. RISCH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Designating November 14, 2009, as “National Reading  
Education Assistance Dogs Day”.

Whereas reading provides children with an essential founda-  
tion for all future learning;

Whereas the Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.)  
program was founded in November of 1999 to improve  
the literacy skills of children through the mentoring as-  
sistance of trained, registered, and insured pet partner  
reading volunteer teams;

Whereas children who participate in the R.E.A.D. program  
make significant improvements in fluency, comprehen-  
sion, confidence, and many additional academic and so-  
cial dimensions;

Whereas the R.E.A.D. program now has an active presence in 49 States, 3 provinces in Canada, Europe, Asia, and beyond with more than 2,400 trained and registered volunteer teams participating and influencing thousands of children in classrooms and libraries across the Nation;

Whereas the program has received awards and recognition from distinguished entities including the International Reading Association, the Delta Society, the Latham Foundation, the American Library Association, and PBS Television; and

Whereas the program has garnered enthusiastic coverage from national media, including major television networks NBC, CBS, and ABC, as well as international television and print coverage: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate, in honor of the 10th anni-  
 2 versary of the R.E.A.D. program, designates November  
 3 14, 2009, as “National Reading Education Assistance  
 4 Dogs Day”.

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